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SUBJ: GARRISON MODIFICATIONS WELCOMED IN MANITOBA

1. ANNOUNCEMENT THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAS RECOMMENDED MODIFICATION AND REDUCTION OF SCOPE OF GARRISON DIVERSION PROJECT WAS WELCOMED IN MANITOBA, ALTHOUGH EARLY REACTIONS WERE SOMEWHAT GUARDED. HINTS OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT HAD APPEARED IN PRESS OVER WEEKEND, BUT MOST MANITOBA LEADERS WERE WAITING TO SEE DETAILS BEFORE COMMENTING. ON TOP OF THAT, VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU TO WINNIPEG FOR NATIONWIDE SPEECH APRIL 18 OVERSHADOWED GARRISON NEWS.
2. MANITOBA MINES AND ENVIRONMENT MINISTER SYDNEY GREEN SAID THE DECISION VINDICATES HIS GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON GARRISON. FORMER HEAD OF MANITOBA ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL NOTED THAT IT MARKS END OF LONG BATTLE SINCE THE MODIFICATIONS MEET MOST OF MANITOBA'S DEMANDS FOR A "CLOSED SYSTEM" WHICH WOULD NOT AFFECT MANITOBA WATERS.
3. AT SAME TIME, OTHERS HAVE CAUTIONED THAT ISSUE STILL NOT OVER AS CONGRESS MAY SOMEHOW BE ABLE TO RESTORE FUNDS FOR SOURIS LOUP. HUTSON

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